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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 7 with the following replacement paragraph:

The stopper 25 is formed from a rigid metal or the like, and sections of the stopper 25 other than support ends are formed so as to be separated from the support substrate 21, and in particular, so as to be as far apart as possible from the lower surface of the support substrate 21 at a central part of the valve hole 22 in the longitudinal direction, and formed having a downwardly convex shape. In this way, as shown by the dotted ~~doted~~ line in Fig. 1, when the reed 24 is open, a lift amount of the reed 24 (amount of separation from the lower surface of the support substrate 21) is regulated by the stopper 25, and a position of maximum possible separation from the lower surface of the support substrate 21 as a result of the opening and closing operation of the reed 24 is regulated so as to become a central section of the valve hole 22 in the 22-I the longitudinal direction. Also, an amount of lift of a tip section positioned at the free end side of the reed 17 is regulated using the stopper 35 formed in this way so as the made small. A punched hole 25a passing through in a plate thickness direction and having a smaller area than the valve hole 22 is formed in a section of the stopper 25 opposite to the 22.